

This Amendment is submitted preliminarily to the issuance of an Office Action in the above identified application.

With the present Amendment applicants have amended the specification to bring it in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent Practice.

The original claims have been canceled and replaced with a new set of claims including claims 10 and 17 the broadest apparatus and method claims and claims 11-16 and 18-20 which depend on them.

It is believed that the present application should be allowed, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Reconsideration and allowance of present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in

formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Any costs involved should be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned (No. 19-4675). Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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In the specification:

Page 1, line 4, change the heading "Prior Art" to -BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

Amend the first paragraph on page 1 in lines 6-8 as follows:

The invention relates to an ignition device [as generically defined by the preamble to claim 1] and to a method for producing it.

Page 2, line 4, change the heading "Advantages of the Invention" to SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

Please amend the first full paragraph on lines 6-13 on page 2 as follows:

The ignition device of the invention [as defined by the characteristics of the body of claim 1] has the advantage that the paint layer brings about effective corrosion protection that is durable even at elevated temperatures and is simple to achieve. For instance, a spark plug that has



been provided with a paint coating according to the invention exhibits no
evidence of corrosion whatever even after a 100 hour salt-spray test.
On page 2, last line, change the heading "Drawings" to
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS
On page 3, line 8, change the heading "Exemplary
Embodiment" to - Description of the Preferred Embodiments